State Government has further informed that static guards have been established at pockets/villages inhabited by minority families and Area Domination is also being ensured in minority community pockets.

Peace talks with Kashmiri militants

4262. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contingency plans to improve the peace talks plan with Kashmiri militants in view of the recent murder of Ex. Hizbul Commander Abdul Mazeed Dar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of Padmanabhan-Hizb talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Shri N.N. Vohra has been appointed as the Government of India's representative to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individuals in the State of J & K and not with any specific individual or organization in the State.

(c) Shri Vohra (not Shri Padmanabhan) has had no talks with the Hizb.

Terrorists arrested under Pota in J&K

†4263. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some terrorists had been arrested till February, 2003 in Jammu and Kashmir under Prevention of Terrorism Act;

(b) if so, the total number thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the charges levelled under the said Act have now been withdrawn against a number of terrorists out of these; and

(d) if so, the number of persons against whom charges under Prevention Of Terrorism Act had been withdrawn togetherwith the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.